

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
19th - 26th October 2025

29 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Terry Hughes People of the Partnership; Joe and Kathleen Loftus
NO MASS ON MONDAY			
Tuesday 21 st October	Dipton	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Terence (Terry) Hughes
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY			
Thursday 23 rd October	Stanley	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Friday 24 th October	Dipton	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am For a sick person (SVP)
Saturday 25 th October	Stanley	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 9.55am Arthurs & Fullerton Families
29 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Dipton Stanley	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Partnership; Deceased Members of the Poole Family People of the Partnership; For a Special Occasion

LITURGICAL CALENDAR		PARISHES CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Feria	Monday	Journey in Faith (Stanley)
Tuesday	Feria	Thursday	Coffee after Mass (Stanley)
Wednesday	Feria		
Thursday	Feria		
Friday	Feria		
Saturday	Saturday Memorial of our Lady		
M = Memorial F = Feast S = Solemnity			

Finance - 12th October 2025	Offertory Total	Standing Order	Diocesan Levy
STANLEY	£570.08	£197.25	£-
DIPTON	£64.78	£172.85	£ 139.50
Future Collections: 19 th October - World Mission Sunday 26th October - 23rd November - Clergy Training Fund			

Prayer for the Jubilee Year

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Franciscans

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES...

Margaret Convey, Maureen Dixon, Doreen Bailes, Norman King

GETTING YOUR CHILD BAPTISED

If you or a family member is looking to have your child baptised, please collect the leaflet ‘Getting your child baptised’ from the back of church. This policy of how we access the Sacraments of Initiation is applicable across the Pontop Partnership. Please read the leaflet carefully before returning the attached application *in person* to your parish priest at the end of Mass.

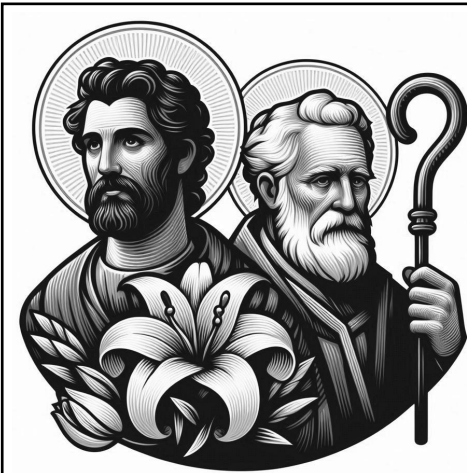
A GENTLE REMINDER...

Please remember to switch off your mobile phone
(or put it on silent) when coming into Church.

We show reverence to Jesus present in the Tabernacle.

Please talk to God before Mass and one another afterwards.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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Everyone in the Church has a responsibility
to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of
those who worship in our Church or who
join us for any activity facilitated by Church
members. If you are concerned about the
welfare of a child or adult at risk,
information is available on the noticeboards
at the back of our Churches.

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If you would like to receive this newsletter
by email, please contact the office.

JUBILEE 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

LISTEN TO THE WORD

19TH OCTOBER 2025 - 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Exodus 17: 8-13 | Psalm 121 | 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 2 | Luke 18: 1-8

It is often difficult to read the scriptures and understand the meaning of a passage. Each Sunday we are fed with a series of snapshots from the Bible and then our priest has five minutes in which to unpack a whole series of insights, of history, of teaching and of encouragement. Year after year we hear the word, but do we ever return to our homes and read the full passage from which they are taken? This is the Word of the Lord; how important is the message? Do we hear the message? What effect does the message have today in our lives? Is it all too much for us? Do we persevere, do we seek understanding or do we shake our heads and move on?

The first reading today is about perseverance. It is a strange story to set in God’s book; it is a battle between the Israelites and the Amalekites. Moses prays that God will be on the side of the Israelites, and when his soldiers believe him the battle goes to them. But when Moses tires, and his hands fall, the battle goes against them. How often do your arms fall from prayer, how often do you give up when God does not appear to be listening? Today we are urged to persevere in prayer and are assured that God will answer us in his good time.

Paul emphasises the fruits of scripture in this passage from his letter to Timothy. Scripture is our direct link to Christ; through scripture we can grow in the knowledge of Christ and learn how his kingdom of love can be established on earth. “All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” This is Paul’s message, and it is as alive and as relevant today as it was almost two thousand years ago.

The story of the unjust judge and the poor widow is used by Jesus to emphasise perseverance in prayer. When Jesus began his ministry, many people had grown weary of the injustice of life and turned away from perseverance in prayer. There is a phrase from Matthew 24;12: “and because of such great wickedness love will grow cold in many people”, which illustrates this point. Jesus compares the absence of prayer with a lack of faith. Prayer comes from faith: the greater our faith, the more we need to pray.

A Prayer based on Luke 35: 21

“The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord”

Lord,

Thank you for the good news of the beginning of the reconciliation between the Palestinians and the Jews.

The joy of the return of so many prisoners to their homes and their families fills us with much hope for the future.

We pray that in the coming days peace will grow and hatred will cease.

Amen.

David Frank.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

THE ORDER OF MASS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 4 OF THE HYMN BOOK

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.’ So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121(120):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R cf. 2

**Response: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

He will keep your foot from stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel’s guard.

The LORD your guard, the LORD your shade
at your right hand.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night.

The LORD will guard you from evil;
he will guard your soul.
The LORD will guard your going and coming,
both now and for ever.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

The word of God is living and active,
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, “Give me justice against my adversary.” For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, “Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.” ’

And the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ✠ When is it important to turn to prayer?
- ✠ What is your favourite passage of scripture?
- ✠ When and how do you find it best to pray?

Taken from The Sunday Word - Henry Wansbrough, OSB.

pray
and
never
give up
~Luke 18:1

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Terence (Terry) Hughes**. Terry’s Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 21st October at 11.00am in St Patrick’s, Dipton, followed by burial in St Patrick’s Cemetery.

PARISH EVENTS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 22nd November 12.30pm –3.30pm - Christmas Craft Fair at St Patrick's in aid of family of parishes funds.

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December 1pm - 4pm - Christmas Tree Festival at St Patrick’s in aid of family of parishes funds.

Sunday 14th December - Carol Service at St Patrick’s Church at conclusion of Christmas Tree Festival.

Sunday 21st December 3.00pm - Craghead Colliery Band Christmas Concert in St Joseph’s. Proceeds to family of parishes funds.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

This year we would like to invite parishioners to burn a candle in memory of loved ones. These red Sanctuary Candles will burn continuously around our Churches through the Octave of Christmas for loved ones. If you would like a candle, please pick up an envelope from the back of the Church. The cost of the candles are £7.50 or 2 for £12.00. The closing date for orders is **20th December**. *Please put your envelopes in the offertory basket when it comes around on Sunday.*

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Our Journey in Faith continues this Monday. Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic, or are you a cradle Catholic and want to know more about your faith? Then this is for you! We will be following the Sycamore programme with Father Stephen Wang. It is a series of videos with topics for discussion which helps us to think more about our faith and how we put it into practice. We begin at 6.30pm in St Joseph’s Meeting Room.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR IN HARTLEPOOL

Father Shaun has booked a visit to the Holy Door at St Joseph’s, Hartlepool, on **Saturday 1st November**. The plan would be to arrive in Hartlepool for 1.30pm, gathering outside the Church. We will enter the Church and have prayers, followed by time to do the Pilgrim trail. Tea and Coffee will be provided at 2.30pm, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The afternoon will finish with Mass at 4.00pm.

Sign up sheets are at the back of the Church if you would like to go, but we do need people willing to drive and offer lifts to those who wish to go. If you can help please tick the box ‘willing to offer a lift’ on the sign up sheet.

PARTNERSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday December 9th 12 noon to be held at the Jolly Drovers, Leadgate. £5 deposit per person on booking. 2 Courses £24.95 or 3 Courses £29.95. Menus are available (starter to be chosen when paying a deposit) at the back of church along with envelopes which can be handed into the Parish Office at St Patrick’s Consett, St Mary’s Blackhill, All Saints Lanchester and St Joseph’s Stanley. Please Book Early Number of Places are Limited.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th November from 12-3pm at St Joseph’s Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle.

There will be lots of stalls, raffle, home baking and refreshments.
All welcome.

AMICI GROUP

The next Amici group meeting is at 7pm on Thursday 6th November at St Patrick’s Church, Dipton. All ladies from our parishes are welcome.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

November is set aside as a month of prayer for those who have died. We remember all our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

In the month of November, our parish communities like to unite themselves to those who have lost loved ones in the last year. We commit ourselves to praying for those who have died and for their families and friends.

A Mass of remembrance for those who have died in the last year and whose funerals have been conducted by our family of parishes will take place on **Monday 3rd November at 6.30pm in St Patrick’s Church, Dipton**. During this Mass the names of those who have died will be read out, and a candle will burn on the Sanctuary steps in their memory.

Refreshments will be served in the meeting room afterwards.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Teresa Saunders speak about Jonah - the worst prophet? in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX on Tuesday 11 November at 7.30pm. Teresa has a special interest in the Old Testament prophets and has spoken on several of them at Catholic People's Weeks. But how and why does she ask if Jonah may be the worst? Come and find out.